



# Bond sale planned for park improvements

**\$725,000  
 sale on park  
 board agenda**

Oswegoland Park District Commissioners are expected to approve a \$725,000 general obligation bond sale when they meet this evening, Thursday, in Oswego.

Park District Director Bert Gray said the bond sale will be negotiated through a local bank next month.

Gray reported the district will use a portion of the bond sale proceeds to make a payment on an 83 acre farm parcel situated immediately south of the district's Prairie Point Center at Grove and Plainfield Roads in Oswego. The

district enter into a contract to buy the farm property two years ago for future development as a large community park.

Gray said the balance of the bond sale proceeds will be used for capital improvement work in several local parks and, possibly, for further environmental clean-up work in Saa-Wee-Kee Park off Sundown Lane along the Fox River.

As with previous district bond sales, the district will re-pay the bonds using local property tax revenues paid by district residents.

Among the projects on the district's current capital improvement list are:

- Installation of playground equipment at Augusta Lake Park in the Shore Heights Subdivision west of Ill. Route 31;
- Completion of work at Briarcliff Woods Park in Montgomery's Seasons

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Ridge Subdivision. Benches and playing courts for basketball and volleyball are scheduled for installation in the park at Briarcliff Road and U.S. Route 30. This past year the district installed playground equipment and a sidewalk in the park but delayed further improvements until at least this year due to a shortage of funds;

- Parking lot improvements at Prairie Point Center, and,
- Road and recreational trail improvements in Saw Wee Kee Park

For the past several years commissioners have annually authorized

bond sales of approximately \$500,000 to pay for land purchases and park improvement work.

In preparing their annual budget this past fall, commissioners agreed to increase this year's bond sale to \$725,000 to cover the cost of the various improvement projects for this year and for those delayed in 1992 after park officials diverted bond sale monies to pay for clean-up work for Saa-Wee-Kee Park and other, related legal and consultant services.

Gray has estimated previously that the district has spent \$125,000 during the past two years to remove debris from the heavily wooded park which up until the mid-1960s served as a municipal garbage dump.

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The Illinois Attorney General's office is threatening to sue the district to force it to comply with a state plan for cleaning up the park. Last fall, the district submitted a plan for further clean-up work in the park, but officials at the attorney general's office rejected that plan and set a Dec. 7 deadline for the district to file an amended plan. Despite

the threat of a lawsuit, district officials chose to ignore the deadline.

Gray reported that the district has yet to hear from the Attorney General's office concerning the anticipated lawsuit.

• This evening's meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Prairie Point Center, Grove and Plainfield Roads, Oswego. The session--like all park board and committee meetings--is open to the public.